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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Douglas Spencer Millar

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For : METHODS FOR GENOME

AMPLIFICATION

Examiner : Thomas, David C.

Group Art Unit : 1637

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

While Applicant agrees that the Declaration submitted on March 8, 2010 was found sufficient to overcome the obviousness rejections, Applicants note that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, pursuant to MPEP 1302.14, is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and therefore does not specifically or impliedly state that all the reasons for allowance are set forth. Furthermore, the fact that Applicants have not specifically commented on the Examiner's characterizations of the disclosures of the prior art in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance shall not be taken as an acknowledgement of the accuracy of such characterizations. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 1, 4-19 and 30-34 may be allowable for reasons other than those stated in the Statement for Reasons for Allowance and that Applicants are not bound by the reasons for allowance provided therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 11, 2010 By: /Neil S. Bartfeld/

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